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are also given in simple German. A short biography at the close of each article gives the source of the selection or some other book in that field. The exercises consist of "Wortübungen," "Grammatische Übungen," "Fragen," and "Übersetzungen."

On account of the unusually interesting nature of the contents, the book is suitable for general use as well as for specializing in science. A number of illustrations add to the value of the book.

HAERTEL, H. H., AND CAST, G. C. *Elements of German Grammar for Review*. Boston: D. C. Heath & Co.

Within brief compass this grammar presents in a simple manner the essentials needed in a three-year high-school course. It will serve admirably, therefore, not only as a review of the first-year work, but also as a reference book for the work done in grammar in connection with the reading texts of the second and third years.

Excellent judgment has been shown in the selection of the "essentials" and in the omission of confusing details. Unfortunately a list of strong verbs with their principal parts has not been included. It is to be hoped that a new edition will supply this much-needed adjunct in a grammar intended for high-school pupils.

A simple enumeration of the prepositions on page 70 with their meanings and the rule governing their use would undoubtedly have rendered their acquisition by the pupil more easy than the devices employed. The high-school pupil has no difficulty in learning the prepositions. What tests his powers is their correct use.

The book is provided with an index. The low price as well as the simple presentation of the material should insure its wide use.

GOULD, CHESTER NATHAN. *Handy German Grammar*. Chicago: Scott, Foresman & Co.

This brief German grammar is a reprint of the Appendix of the author's *Modern German*. Very similar to *Elements of German Grammar for Review*, it is somewhat more complete and there is a greater wealth of detail and of illustration of grammatical rules. The book can be used throughout the four years of a high-school course, but a judicious selection of the material should be made the first few years.

Handy German Grammar is, as its name suggests, an exceptionally convenient reference book. Its conciseness and simplicity of statement, its neat and attractive cover, and its small size will undoubtedly commend it to many.

NEW EDITIONS OF TEXTS

Four books have appeared thus far in the "Macmillan German Series," the *German Science Reader* reviewed above being one of these. Another book of this series, Wildenbruch's *Das edle Blut*, edited by John C. Weigel, is especially satisfactory from a pedagogical point of view. Under "Wortlehre"